

**Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection,
Classified by Weight, weekending: Mar 08, 2003**

FOOD SERVICE/

	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 – 5.25	5.26 & Up	---
Total (000)	21,171	20,312	47,467	88,950
Percentage	24%	23%	53%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weight</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	5,239	5.89
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	4,475	5.03
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz. - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	3,808	4.28
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	7,649	8.60
		21,171	23.80

Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was mostly fair. Offerings were fully sufficient for immediate trade needs. In the parts complex, offerings of breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings were readily available. Other items were at least adequate. Weights were in a full range but mostly desirable.

BROILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Jan 18	203,508	99	163,724	97	197,944	97	161,875	98	153,150	100
Jan 25	204,772	99	166,044	99	199,084	97	162,000	97	144,124	94
Feb 01	203,980	98	166,256	101	200,210	98	162,898	98	151,181	105
Feb 08	201,937	97	165,277	100	202,586	96	164,701	98	150,335	99
Feb 15	202,463	96	166,036	99	200,118	98	162,324	98	152,044	101
Feb 22	203,562	96	164,979	97	203,451	98	164,413	97	147,355	97
Mar 01	205,205	98	164,349	97	200,256	96	162,132	96	148,405	101
Mar 08	205,590	98	163,738	95	201,092	97	163,604	97	151,538	102
Mar 15	204,317	98	167,396	97	204,119	99	166,045	99	151,337	100

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 03/24/03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York Grade A Ice-packed	51.41	54.95	45.67
Chicago Grade A Ice-packed	51.12	54.70	45.65
Los Angeles Grade A Ice-packed	67.66	67.82	65.20
12-City Composite Weighted Avg.	58.01	60.89	54.18
Georgia Dock FOB Final Weighted Avg.	62.49	63.10	60.84
Southern States FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index	48.55	49.00	38.67

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

	<u>Northeast (Delivered) 03/21/03</u>	<u>Southern States (FOB) 03/21/03</u>	<u>Georgia (FOB) 03/24/03</u>
Breast - B/S	148.88	138.31	156.00
Tenderloins	114.31	134.31	172.00 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	82.05	86.89	86.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	20.80	18.93	22.00
Wings	70.74	67.17	70.50